

[*Translation*]

Compensation to the Victims of Road Accidents

7148. SHRI SURYA NARAYAN YADAV:
Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to raise the amount of compensation in the hit and run cases;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the victims of accident or their dependents do not get any compensation till the vehicle involved in the accident is seized; and

(d) if so, the reasons for not providing full compensation in such cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT(SHRIJAGDISHTYTLER):(a) and (b). Yes, Sir. No final decision on the quantum of increased compensation has been taken.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of reply to (c) above.

Motor Accidents Claims

7149. SHRI SURYA NARAYAN YADAV:
Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of claims relating to motor accidents pending for disposal till August 31, 1991;

(b) the reasons fro delay in settlement of these claims; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken for expeditious disposal of these cases ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT(SHRIJAGDISHTYTLER):(a) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) The reasons for delay include:-

1. Inadequate staff
2. Cumbersome Court Procedures.
3. Issue of notices to the Respondents.
4. Filing of written statements by the Respondents.
5. Framing of issues by Tribunal/Petitioners.
6. Examination of witnesses and
7. Recording of evidence by Tribunal.

(c) State Government as also the Nationalised Insurance Companies have been asked to take appropriate action for speedy disposal of the claim cases.

[*English*]

Measures to Control Drug Menace

7150. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL:
Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the legislative measures on Narcotic Drugs have proved ineffective in tackling the drug menace; and